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SUBJECT: EGYPTIAN WHEAT NEEDS FOR 1977 AND POSSIBLE LOWER UMR.

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1. IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARA. 3 OF REFTTEL, AGATTACHE CAIRO CONTACTED DR. MIKAWI, GENERAL AUTHORITY FOR SUPPLY COMMODITIES (PURCHASING ENTITY FOR MINISTRY OF SUPPLY) CONCERNING REPORT FROM EC OFFICIALS MOLINIER AND DEBAERE THAT GOE HAD AGREED TO UMR OF 2.5 MILLION TONS. MIKAWI STATED THAT MINISTER TEWFIK APPARENTLY AGREED TO THAT FIGURE FOR THE TWELVE MONTHS BEGINNING JUNE OR JULY 1977. HE FURTHER STATED THAT GOE HAS ALREADY IN-STRUCTURED APPROPRIATE MISSIONS TO REQUEST LOWER UMR FOR US FY-1978.

2. AGATTACHE TOLD MIKAWI USG WOULD SUPPORT THEIR REQUEST FOR LOWER UMR BUT REITERATED THAT INITIATIVE MUST COME FROM GOE. HE ALSO INFORMED MIKAWI THAT APPROACH TO EC SHOULD PRECEDE
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ANY REQUEST FOR CONSIDERATION BY COMMITTEE ON SURPLUS DISPOSAL IN WASHINGTON.

3. MIKAWI SEEMED CHAGRINED THAT MINISTER TEWFIK HAD AGREED TO RELATIVELY HIGH UMR AND IMPLIED THAT MINISTER DID NOT REALLY UNDERSTAND WHAT HE WAS DOING AT THE TIME.

4. IN THEIR LIMITED CONTACTS WITH EC OFFICIALS

(MILINIER, DEBAERE, CORNELLI), MISSION OFFICERS WERE STRUCK BY THEIR APPARENT LACK OF DATA ON EGYPTIAN FOOD AID NEEDS AND LIMITED EFFORTS TO MONITOR EFFECTS OF A FAIRLY EXPENSIVE PROGRAM FOR EC. POLITICAL COUNSELOR WAS TOLD BY DUTCH COUNSELOR THIS WAS FIRST VISIT TO EGYPT IN SEVEN YEARS BY EC FOOD AID OFFICIALS TO CHECK ON PROGRAM.

5. EGYPTIAN PRESS REPORTED ON MARCH 28 THAT EC HAS DECIDED TO

GIVE EGYPT DOLLARS 30 MILLION THIS YEAR IN FOOD AID ON GRANT BASIS, INCLUDING 100,000 TONS WHEAT, 2,500 TONS BUTTER AND 10,000 TONS NON-FAT DRY MILK POWDER. IN ADDITION, EGYPT WILL RECEIVE FINANCIAL AID TOTALING DOLLARS 204 MILLION, INCLUDING DONATION OF DOLLARS 75 MILLION, LOANS OF DOLLARS 17 MILLION REPAYABLE OVER 40 YEARS AT 1 PERCENT INTEREST, AND BALANCE AS ORDINARY LOANS AT REDUCED RATE OF INTEREST (NOT SPECIFIED). HOWEVER, MOLINIER TOLD AGATTACHE ON MARCH 26 THAT COMMISSION ONLY HAD AUTHORIZATION FOR 75,000 TONS WHEAT WITH BALANCE OF 25,000 STILL PENDING.

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